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It is officially announced from Koenigaberg that the East Prussian districts of Sensburg, Insterburg and leydekrug have now been reopened for the return of fugitives.

French Claim Success Against the Germans

February 24.—Details of fighting around the signal of Xon, which is north of Pont a Mousson, and com-bats in the vicinity of Norroy, a hamet, are given in an official note. The Germans, according to the note, by a dden attack February 13 became the masters of the signal of Xon and of Continuous attacks and couner-attacks and brisk fighting from daily, the Germans making frequent

The French, the statement continues, naily gained the upper hand, and ebruary 18 "the Germans were defifinally gained the upper hand, and February 18 "the Germans were definitely driven from the height of Signal of Xon and from Norroy."

"Despite the German communication," the statement adds, "the enemy did not revacuate Norroy of his own accord. For more than an hour, February 18, the fighting was exceedingly fierce, and we entered Norroy at the point of the bayonet. The Germans tried hard, but could hold neither Norroy nor the slopes of the Signal of Xon. Bodies of Germans in large numbers were found on the field. They were of men belonging to five different units. By the importance of their forces the Germans showed the value they attached to this advanced point of our line, but, despite all, their efforts finally resulted in complete defeat."

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Newman's Statement.

The statement of Commissioner Newman, on which was based the committee's refusal to appropriate \$2,495.35 to satisfy the court judgment against the Commissioners, was as follows:

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ASSISTANT TO DANTE SWEARS HUTCHINS SANE

Joseph Bittoni Declares, However, Publisher Was Victim of Violent "Gusts of Temper."

When Joseph Bittoni, a witness for the defense, in the effort which is being nade by Lee Hutchins in the Supreme will of his father, Stilson Hutchins, devoid, admitted under cross-exmination by Frank J. Hogan that in ing of the contested will, Stilson Hutchins failed to recognize him and had to have it recalled to his memory that the witness had, at that time, been working in the Hutchins office for six years. Mr. Hogan appeared to be satisfied with his investigations and shortly afterward concluded his examination Mr. Hogan's cross-examination of the witness, who had been on the stand for over three hours in the hands of the defense, occupied ten minutes.

Thinks Hutchins Sane.

The witness, who since 1904 has bee an office assistant to William J. Dante In the administration of the Hutchins estate, told the jury of his observations of Stilson Hutchins during this time. He described Mr. Hutchins as one subject to violent "gusts of temper" in the office: stated that he was a coherent and intelligent though "rambling" dictator; and swore that, in his opinion, the dead financier was, during the period covered by his observations, of sound mind. During the direct examination by C. H. Merillatt of counsel for the caveatee, Walter Hutchins, the witness frequently changed certain testimony following "the refreshing of his memory" by counsel.

Mr. Hogan's cross-examination was principally concerned with the establishment of the fact that the witness never saw Mr. Hutchins prior to 1904, when the financier suffered his first stroke of paralysis, and therefore was not in a position to draw comparisons between the ability of the man prior to and followninistration of the Hutchins

D. R. McKee on Stand.

a retired newspaper man, was called to the stand by the defense to testify as to his observations of Mr. Hutchins when the latter was owner of the Washington Dass

TODAY ADDS 72 NAMES TO ROLLS OF Y. W. C. A.

Largest Number for Any One Day Since the Membership Campaign Began.

By far the highest number of new members enrolled in any one day in the membership campaign of the Young

Saturday evening, when the campaign formally closes, are being rapidly pushed forward. A public official h to be invited to speak at this time. Requests for reservations at the supper must be made not later than tomorrow.

The Score for Today.

Following is the detailed score fo

Aeroplanes-Division A. Miss Susan R utts, commodore, 30; division B, Mrs. Fannie MacAllister, commodore, 3; divi-sion C, Miss Estelle Foster, commo-dore, 17.

Work being done by the travelers' aid branch of the association has at-tracted considerable attention during the last few days. Two secretaries are now employed for this branch, being supported jointly by the Y. W. C. A. the Woman's Christian Association and

to see the good of this work become that he has expressed the hope tha some day he would be able to contrib ute enough to pay for the employment of a third secretary in this field.

One of the ftatures now attracting considerable attention in the association is the work being done to promote thrift and efficiency. The national board of the Y. W. C. A. has a branch devoted particularly to this. So far fifty-five of the Washington members have started bank accounts this year as a result of the work done here, one of the local secretaries having it in charge. Miss Florence M. Brown, general secretary.

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Breach of Promise Suit Plaintiff Had Asked Half a Million.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., February 24—
Miss Mande Armfield was awarded \$40,000 breach of promoting the was described as a result of the work done here, one of the local secretary of the work done here, one of the local secretary of the organization, explained today that have because, it was testified. Howard's divorce from his first wife was defective.

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TO REPAY \$744,504

inst the Germans
in Western Contests
February 24.—Details of und the signal of Xon, which out of the revenues of the District of Columbia derived from privileges and from taxation upon the taxable prop-erty in the District of Columbia.

Market Rental.

"For amount due the United States from the District of Columbia for colchise rental of the Washington Market Company, fiscal years eighteen hundred and seventy-nine to nineteen hundred and fourteen, inclusive, there shall be transferred from the revenues of the District of Columbia to the United States the sum of \$158,437.50, such sum being in full settlement of the amount due the United States for said market reactals under the decision of the con-

"Mr. Kalbfus was an assistant assessor of the District of Columbia whom the Commissioners removed from office for incompetency, neglect of duty and malfeasance in office. The law governing the appointment of the assistant assessors provides they shall not be removed except for one of these three causes. Mr. Kalbfus himself in his testimony before the House District of Columbia committee a year ago last summer admitted that he had speculated in real estate, and gave testimony indicating that he had used his official position as assistant assessor to personal advantage and had underassessed his own property, had financial transactions with the owners of large properties, people with whom he had official relations.

"Basing their opinion that he was guilty of neglect of duty, malfeasance in office and inefficiency upon his own testimony, the Commissioners removed him from office and appointed a man in his place. He eventually brought suit against us, a mandamus to reinstate him, and at the expiration of about a year he won his suit. We took it up to the Court of Appeals finally held that we did not have the authority to remove him the way we did."

Reasons for Removal.

Further, he said, after interruption

and our own man in his place making the ent which we were just begin We had just made a change

"We were so interested in getting the work done properly that we took the chance in removing Kalbfus. When we removed the man we let the case go to court, but in the meantime we had our own board doing the work, which we believed they would do properly, and we felt we would rather have him on the outside trying to get back than for us to be in court trying to get him out, and so we removed him. Eventually he secured a mandamus to reinstate him and we reinstated him, but simultaneously with our action signing the order to reinstate him he filed his resignation effective immediately. Then he got judgment for his salary. In the meantime we had appointed aniother man, who served during this entire period and received the compensation."

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"He could not get it. He did not render a day of service."

District Items.

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Julicial expenses, \$776.47.

For advertising notices of arrears of German Embassy Here Outlines taxes, \$658.28.

Washington asylum and jail, \$14,000.
Maintenance of jail prisoners at the asylum, \$2,000.
National Training School for Boys, National Training School 101 2019, \$14,000. Care and treatment of patients, Co-lumbia Hospital for Women, \$399.60. Board of children's guardians, \$17,000. Maintenance of feeble-minded chil-

dren, \$3.000. Industrial Home School for Colored Children, \$2.500. Industrial Home School, \$1,200.

Women's Christian Association was registered today when seventy-two applications were brought in. Of this number, the "aeroplanes" were responsible for fifty and the "automobiles" for twenty-two. The first-named group of workers is greatly in advance of the second-named group, having brought in 185 new members during the campaign as against ninety-eight.

Final arrangements for the supper Saturday evening, when the campaign formally closes, are being rapidly pushed forward. A public official is to be invited to speak at this time. Requests for reservations at the supper must be made not later than tomorrow.

Industrial Home School, \$1,200.

Pay of naval militia men on the annual cruise of 1914, \$3,207.39.

The commanding general of the N. G. D. C. is authorized to pay J. Edward Chapman \$20,55 for fuel, over which a legal tangle has occurred.

For refund of erroneous collections by the Government Hospital for the Insane the sum of \$264.16 is authorized.

Judgments, excepting the Kalbfus Judgment, \$2,161.15.

Support of convicts, 1915, \$47,000.

Support of convicts, 1914, \$16,781.39.

Jury fees, Supreme Court, \$5,000.

Fees of witnesses, \$3,000.

Miscellaneous expenses, Supreme

Court, \$1,375.63.

Pay of bailiffs, \$200.

MASTER PLUMBERS GUILTY.

Convicted of Conspiring to Interfere With Business of Others.

DES MOINES, Iowa, February 24. Thirty-six master plumbers, who have Automobiles—Division A. Mrs. T. H. Mitchell, general, 4; division B. Miss Ellen Love, general, 5; division C. Miss Ellen Love, general, 13. charges of violating the Sherman anti-

The men are residents of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota and are members and officials of the Na-tional Association of Master Plumbers and of the state organizations of tha supported jointly by the Y. W. C. A., and of the state organizations of that the Woman's Christian Association and body. It was charged in the indictments returned here June 4 that the association of the Sherman law ever since its organization in 1884, and that it had conspired to interfere with the Union station who has had opportunity supply houses not members of the association who has had opportunity supply houses not members of the association and been operating in the speciation.

GETS \$40,000 DAMAGES.

GERMAN MACHINE GUN DETACHMENT CREEPING INTO ACTION.



THIS PICTURE. AN ACTUAL SCENE ON THE WESTERN BATTLE LINE, SHOWS A LIGHT ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUN DETACHMENT MOVING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE ENEMY'S LINES, IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN A POSITION FROM WHICH THE ALLIES' TRENCHES CAN BE SWEPT WITH GUNFIRE PREPARATORY TO A CHARGE.

OFFICIALS SILENT ON U. S. PROPOSALS

warded a report from the American con-sul at Bremerhaven, which was as fol-

sul at Bremerhaven, which was as follows:

"American steamer Evelyn ran on
two mines on the 19th, 4 a.m., near
Isle Borkum. Sank seven hours later.
Capt. Smith, thirteen men and Dutch
pilot in one boat; First Officer Swanson
and thirteen men in another. First
boat said to have been rescued 10 a.m.
Saturday, but present whereabouts yet
unknown. Latter boat picked up by
German scout ship Mars. 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and taken to Helgoland. Thirteen men brought to Brem-

Thirteen men brought to erhaven and put into Sailors' Home-erhaven and put into Sailors' Home. Spanish stoker Hans Ilaro frozen and buried at sea, appears to be only dead. Other survivors expected tomorrow. Those in Bremerhaven out of danger."

TO PAY EVELYN INSURANCE.

Owners to Get Money Unless Cap-

SAFETY IN NORTH SEA.

Courses which vessels should Take.

Two playground directors for four months and one watchman for four months, \$720, both the playground items to be paid out of the District revenues alone, in violation of the organic act.

Longevity pay, public schools, \$10,
1000

The German embassy here today issued a statement giving the courses which vessels bound for German ports should pursue in order to be perfectly safe. The statement follows:

"In connection with the deplorable loss of the Evelyn all circles interested in shipping to the North North Section 1. 500.

Deficiency in sewer operations, 85 cents.

Allowance to school principals, \$2,390.

Kindergarten supplies, \$5.50.
Fuel, etc., schools, \$1,090.05.
Instruction of indigent blind, \$87.50.
Motor vehicle maintenance, police force, \$2,100.

Washington asylum and fell.

"A. Merchant vessels bound for the Elder, Elbe, Weser and Jade rivers must first make Lister Deep buoy; those bound for the Ems should make directly for its mouth. Pilotage is compulsory from Lister Deep buoy. Vessels are permitted to make the German cost and to enter or leave the mouth of six and to enter or leave the mouth of riv-ers only between sunrise and sunset and in clear weather. Approximate position in clear weather. Approximate position of Lister Deep buoy, latitude 55 degrees 3 minutes, 45 seconds north, longitude 8 degrees. 17 minutes 30 seconds

east.

"B. Shipping north of the Shetland Islands in the eastern area of the North sea and in a strip of at least thirty sea miles in width along the Netherlands coast is not imperiled."

TO PAY D. C. PENSIONS

A deficiency of 48 per cent in the

A deficiency of 43 per cent in the funds available for meeting the District's police and fire pension rolls for February was reported to the Commissioners today by Auditor Tweedale. Pension payments are called for this month in the amount of \$12,225.50. To meet this indebtedness the municipality has available only \$6,970.25, the shortage being \$5,258.25, or 43 per cent. This is the first deficiency of the present fiscal year in the pensions account. Auditor Tweedale estimates that the total deficiency by July 1, the end of the fiscal year, will amount to \$20,000. One of the reasons for the big shortage is a falling off in Police Court fines, which are used for meeting the pension payments. Total Police Court fines for the fiscal year up to February last year amounted to \$71,714.44. For the corresponding period this year they total but \$67,132.51. It is hardly thought that the Commissioners will recommend to Congress at this session legislation designed to place the police and fire pension rolls on a stable basis, but this is a matter that the District heads undoubtedly will endeavor to obtain action on at the next session.

PLANS NO MONUMENT CHANGE.

Col. W. W. Harts, in charge of publie buildings and grounds, who has im-Austrians to send back to the west mediate supervision of the Washington part of the troops operating against the Russians.

War Officially Reported

GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, February 24: In the western theater of war: Near

fantry divisions yesterday made an hand-to-hand fighting took place, hand-to-hand fighting took place, which everywhere resulted in favor of the Germans. The enemy suffered heavy losses and was driven back to his positions.

In the Vosges German attack's against Sulzern and Muehlbach, east of Stossweler, made progress. In the engagement during the last three days we made 500 prisoners

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therwise nothing important has oc Otherwise nothing important has oc-curred on the western front.

Eastern theater of war: A new Rus-slan advance from Grodno was easily repulsed. Southeast of Augustowo the Russians crossed the Bobr river in two places. Near Sztabin they have already been driven back. Near Krasnyborg the engagement contin-ues.

ues. Near Przasnysz 1,200 Russians wer made prisoners and two cannon were made prisoners and two cannon were taken. I Russian night attack east of Skier-niewice was repulsed.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

ARIS, February 24: With the exception of a few successful actions on the part of our troops near Auberide-sur-Suippe, nothing of importance has occurred since the giving out of the communication of last night. We have made further progress to the north of Perthes.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT. PETROGRAD, February 24:

Severe fighting continues on the right banks of the Bobr and Narew rivers.

German detachments which took the offensive near Ossowetz February 21 were forced back by the fire of our artillery. Fighting has been in progress north of Lomza, on the roads to Radzilowo, Artchoutchina and Koino. In spite of attacks by strong forces, we hold Jedwabno.

German attacks along the Szeczuezyn-

German attack along the Szeczuezyn

Kolno road was supported during the night of February 22 by armored automobiles and was unusually intense. The German offensive continues in the Przasnysz district. Three attacks upon Przasynsz were repulsed, our armored automobiles assisting greatly in this respect. Their fire decimated the Germans at a distance of seventy-five paces. On the road to Plonsk some villages changed hands several times. South of the Moghely farm, on the left bank of the Vistula, we exploded

outh of the Moghely farm, on the left bank of the Vistula, we exploded mines under a German trench, occupying the dugouts in the remainder of the German trenches. We captured three machine guns, trench mortars and bombs, and also took a number of prisoners. The losses to the Germans caused by the mine explosions numbered 500.

plosions numbered 500.

In the Carpathians the Austrians bombarded a convent south of Mezolaborcz with 12-inch mortars. We repulsed persistent Austrian attacks in the region of Mikov, Smolnika and Tiszovica, and inflicted enormous losses upon the enemy in the region of Myte Kozlourka.

Austrian troops have taken the places of the Germans south of Bolina. Obstinate fighting has begun at Stanislau against great forces of the enemy.

Between January 21 and February 20 our army in the Carpathians captured 691 officers, 47,640 men, 17 cannon and 118 mitrailleuses.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT. IENNA, February 24, via London:

Russian Poland there is nothing significant to report. Foggy weather in West Galicia impedes the activity of the troops. n the Carpathian front the Russian attacks were shattered in the usual

manner and with important losses to the enemy. Five officers and 550 men were made prisoners. The battles south of the Dniester river continue. On this battlefield our trusty Croatian troops in a success-ful attack drove the Russians from several places, captured positions on

RETALIATORY TREATMENT PLAN OF GERMANS FOR WAR PRISONERS

BERLIN, via London, February 24. broad from Germany. The North German Gazette today calls

attention to the fact that certain German firms have been rubber stamping the envelopes and letterheads used in their correspondence with neutral countries with objectionable inscriptions which are intended as insults to countries hostile to Germany. The newspaper points out that such in-scriptions must have exactly the opposite effects upon neutrals that they are intended to have.

SERBIAN FORCES PRESS ON AUSTRIAN TERRITORY

GENEVA, via Paris, February 24.-Serbian troops invaded Austrian terriat Mitrovitza, penetrating from one to Col. Harts Says No Money to Screen four miles across the frontier, according to a dispatch received here.

The object of the Serbian offensive, it is believed, probably is to force the

Admiral Dewa at Navy Yard. NEW YORK, February 24.-Admira

Baron Shigeto Dewa of the Japanese navy, special envoy to the Panama-Pacific exposition, today was taken on a tour of inspection of the Brooklyn navy yard by Rear Admiral Nathar Usher, commandant of the yard. He the forenoon inspecting the dreadnaught Arizona, which is under construction, the dry docks and the submarine G-1, which has been undergoing extensive repairs and improve-

LONDON, February 24.—The official list of changes in the naval personnel The German government has made list of changes in the naval personnel known that it objects to the use of just issued announces that "Capt. Cecil expressions like the oft-quoted words F. Dampier, until recently in command "God punish England" on mail going of the battleship Audacious, has been abroad from Germany.

The British battleship Audacious was reported last November to have been sunk off the Irish coast by a mine. No official announcement regarding the Audacious has ever been made, and a recent report stated that she had been saved and towed to the Belfast yards and that she would soon rejoin the figet.

CHARGES GERMAN RUSE IN FOOD REGULATIONS LONDON, February 24 .-- A dispatch to

the Post from Bern says:
"All Germany's war bread regula tions, war cookery schools and other arrangements are not due to any real carcity of food, but are a pretext to induce charitable Americans to fee tory on the night of February 20 and the Belgians and the French to feed 21 near Bjelina, opposite Ratcha, and their people in the portion of France their people in the portion of France occupied by Germany.

GERMAN AEROS APPEAR ON ENGLISH EAST COAST LONDON, February 24.—Several Ger-

nan aeroplanes were seen flying along the east coast at 5 o'clock last evening, Association from Colchester **ROUMANIAN ARMY TAKES**

FIELD IN APRIL, IS CLAIM

SHAFTS ARE AIMED

mitted that he had seen the protests,

Mr. Shoemaker went into detail in the has permitted violations of the lav prohibits the granting of licenses for saloons within 400 feet of

censes for saloons within 400 feet of schoolhouses, churches, etc. All these charges were published at the time that the excise board on the floor of the Senator Jones of Washington attacked the excise board on the floor of the Senate, several weeks ago, and brought about the present investigation of the excise board.

During the testimony of Mr. Wilson before the committee he told the committee that John J. Madden in conversation with Thad B. Sargeant, an attorney, who had represented Madden in several unsuccessful attempts to have a liquor license transferred, after Madden had obtained the services of Mr. Sheehy as attorney and obtained the transfer had inferred that the excise board had to be bought.

"Why didn't you let me represent you this last time when you got your transfer from the board?" Mr. Sheemaker told the committee. "And Madden replied, "You don't know how; it takes money to do this thing."

"You don't mean to say you had to buy the excise board," Mr. Sargeant said.

"What else could I mean," was the

said. "'What else could I mean,' was the reply of Mr. Madden."

Charges Against Board.

Andrew Wilson, president of the Anti-Saloon League, appeared before the committee late yesterday afternoon

BERLIN, February 24, via London.—
The steps taken by the foreign office in the matter of the treatment afforded in the matter of the treatment afforded in the lower house of the Prussian diet in connection with the budget for foreign affairs.

The spokesman of the government said the foreign office had in the beginning called attention to the provisions of The Hague conference bearing upon prisoners. For civilians living in hostile lands at the outbreak of warfare there existed no regulation, it was the view of Germany that these persons should be permitted to leave the country and return home.

Agreements With Nations.

Such agreements Mith Nations.
Such agreements had been reached with Serbia and Japan. France, Great Britain and Russia, however, had refused to permit able-bodied belligerent aliens to leave the country, and most of these men in France and England were interned. It had been possible,

"GOD PUNISH ENGLAND,"

ON LETTERS, IS OPPOSED
BERLIN, via London, February 24.—
The German government has made list of charges and any agreement with these countries and children and men of a many described with these countries and countries and propagations. The improper treatment for interned Germans.

Retaliation Planued.

Herefore, to reach an agreement with these countries and children and men of a mornilitary age, set so of the improper treatment of German prisoners in the improper treatment of German prisoners in the improper treatment of German prisoners in the situation of the prisoners in the situation of the scrise board, which may be sum-ind submitted a list of charges against the exclse board, in drawing up its reatment of German prisoners in the diet continued, had been interaction of Germany had not he present and investigated by American dilic, in some degree, violate the excise load. In the scrise board, which may be sum-interaction and submitted a list of charges and investigated by American dilic, in some degree, violate the excise load. In the scrise board, which may be sum-interaction of Germa

In Residential Districts.

"The excise board granted licenses to wholesale liquor stores in residence sections. An instance was the granting of a license to a wholesale place or 4th street northwest near the intersec tion of New Jersey avenue. "The excise board violated the law by

granting a license for Costello's saloon, at 6th and G streets, right across the street from a Jewish synagogue; to one or two saloons less than 400 feet from Central Union Mission and to a saloon at 1st and F streets southwest, about 100 feet from a place of public worship." about 100 feet from a place of public worship."
Mr. Wilson charged that the excise law has been violated in the barroom of the St. James Hotel, where improper pictures are said to be hung.
Mr. Wilson said: "In my opinion Miller Brothers are operating a bar at 14th street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest in violation of the law. They changed their entrance around the corner, so that patrons enter by 14th street, and were granted a license."

Metcalf Comet Has Not Reappeared. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., February 24 .-The recent announcement of the re-

error, Prof. E. C. Pickering s..id today and was due to mi aking the asteroid Lampetia for the celestial wanderer. Computations have shown that the comet would be much less brilliant than the tiny asteroid. A re-examination of the skies with an hour's ex-

than the tiny asteroid. A re-examination of the skies with an hour's exposure of photographic plates through a sixteen-inch telescope failed to disclose any trace of the comet.

Russia Seeks U. S. Railroad Material PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 24.—Inquiry has been received here by the Pittsburgh foreign trade commission from the Russian imperial government for a huge quantity of railroad material for use in government railway by the European war. The authorities at ask for prices on 50,000 pairs of axies at ask for prices on 50,000 pairs of axies at ask for prices on 50,000 pairs of axies at ask for prices on 50,000 pairs of axies and metels, 30,000 to 60,000 tires, 30,000 to do,000 tires, 30,000 PARIS, February 24.—Nicholas Misu, Roumanian minister to London, soon will return to England bearing a note assuring the British government that the Roumanian army will take the field in April, says the Matin's Bucharest correspondent in a dispatch filed by way of Nish and Malta.

from the Russian imperial government for a huge quantity of railroad material for use in government railway lines and extensions made necessary by the European war. The authorities ask for prices on 50,000 pairs of axles and wheels, 30,000 to 60,000 tires, 30,000 rough axles and 10,000 rough wheels. The order is valued at nearly \$2,000,-000.

ANOTHER U. S. SHIP IS SUNK BY MINE

Germans Say Both American Vessels Lost Were Off Prescribed Course.

PASSENGER STEAMERS ON CHANNEL ESCAPE

England Gets Reports of Damage Many Craft in Naval War Zones.

Immense Loss of Life. LONDON, February 24.—Two hun-red and eighty men lost their lives when the Clan MacNaughton went

LONDON, February 24.-With the an- Irish Channel Closed, ouncement that a second American commercial vessel has been sunk by a mine and news that a German submarine has been endeavoring to send channel passenger vessels to the bottom, and that merchant craft of neutral nations have become innocent victims of the naval warfare which is being pursued about the British Isles and North sea, the English people are howing grave concern.

The American steamer Carib has gone lown off the German coast as the reult of striking a mine Steamer Oakby Torpedoed.

The British steamer Oakby was torpedoed by a German submarine off Rye yesterday. Her crew was rescued by fishing smack and landed at Ramsgate today. The Clan MacNaughton, an armed

merchant cruiser, is missing. The ves-sel was last heard from February 3, and it is feared she has been lost. at Lydd, reports that two vessels have

mitted that he had seen the protests, said Mr. Shoemaker.

Mr. Shoemaker said that Rafferty had applied also for a license to 420 H street northeast, after the excise board had granted him a license for 406, and when he had had some trouble with the owner of the property at 406. The license at 420 was not granted, but that at 406 was permitted to stand, and Rafferty eventually got the property. The license was renewed last fall, and Sheehy appeared as attorney for Rafferty at the time as he had done in an earlier hearing.

Gives Details of Charges.

Mr. Shoemaker went into detail in the German restains to the bottom.

All Lydd, reports that two vessels have been torpedoed and are lying in sink-need to condition off Hastings. The Carding steamer Noorderduk of the Holland-American line is ashore near Poortershaven. Great satisfaction is taken in the report from Paris stating that after a channel passenger vessel a French torpedo boat sighted the German craft and opened fire. A trail of oil on the water, where the German vessel disappeared, is taken to mean that it was sent to the bottom. Steamers Are Attacked.

Germans Explain Losses.

The German admiralty has communi-

Inquiries at all available sources in Holland have failed to discover the whereabouts of those members of the American steamer Evelyn's crew who were reported to have proceeded to Holland after the vessel was sunk by a mine. Naval experts say that the men, who took to a small boat, must have suffered terrific hardships in the prevailing foggy and cold weather if at sea since Friday.

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The fishing smack Gratis, which was four miles off, felt the shock of the explosion and hastened to the scene of the crew of the fishermen arrived in time to tak off the explosion and hastened to the scene of which were injured.

The fishermen arrived in time to tak off the crew of the Oakey, none of the steamship Carlb, sunk in the North sea pesterday, asking him to make efforts for the comfort of the crew through the defermance of the Oakey, and attempt was the shaft of the crew through the sen before the explosion by the chief engineer of the Oakey, an attempt was the standing by. The crew of the first twessel was saved and landed. A mine sweeper was attempting to too ther to Dover. Her crew was saved by a Ramsgate fishing smack.

Victim of Mine or Torpedo.

Eighteen members of the crew of the cardiff steamer Branksome Chine, a government collier, landed at Newhaven, England, last evening. Their vessel either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English channel twenty miles southeast of Beachy Head, about the captain and mate of the steamer is a government collier, landed at Newhaven, England, last evening. Their vessel either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English channel twenty miles southeast of Beachy Head, about the captain and mate of the steamer is a government collier, landed at Newhaven, England, last evening. Their vessel either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English channel twenty will be made to pull her to the coast and beach her.

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A dispatch from Hook of Holland says that the steamer Noorderdyk of the Holland-America line has gone ashore near Poortershaven. Tugs are endeavoring to release the steamer. The crew of the Norwegian steamer Regin, which was sunk by either a submarine or a mine off Dover yesterday morning, arrived in London last night and was received by the Norwegian consul. The members of the crew said tas Regin was bound for an American port with a full cargo of coal. She was at anchor off the Kent coast, owing to the fog, when the explosion occurred and she sank in twelve minutes. The crew had barely time to launch the boats and get clear of the steamer before she went down. The explosion was so violent that it stunned several of the sailors. Pilot Gwerthon suffered a broken kneecen Pilot Gwerthon suffered broken kneecap.

Within the War Zone. semi-official dispatch received

from Berlin says that the Orkney and

Arguments against the use of neutral tained in a letter written to the Times by Lord Courtney of Penwith, who con ends that such a practice can yield at the most only a temporary and casual

the most only a temporary and casual advantage, which disappears when the expedient is sanctioned as a regular procedure. He said:

"As to the disadvantage of employing neutral flags, it might be thought sufficient to point out that we already have received a grave caution from the Washington government and an even more energetic protest from Holland; while last but not least, Germany has been furnished with one of its strongest arguments in its reply to the American note."

Description of Carib.

The Carib, the latest American vessel unk, was formerly owned by the Clyde line, and was recently sold by them to Walker, Armstrong & Co. of Savannah, Ga. She was of 2,280 tons burden and

Being Barred by British channel and the North channel, waters lying between England and Scotland

The admiralty order closes the Irish channel to all ships of every nation-ality and entirely prohibits navigation,

The closed area is a parallelogram covering almost the whole of the channel between Ireland and the coast of Ayrshire. A narrow passage is left open to sea-borne traffic of the Irish coast, but this may not be used be-

tween sunset and sunrise.

The admiralty order also closes the greater portion of the North channel leading from the Atlantic into the Irish sea. This will simplify the examination of vessels entering the Irish sea, and at the same time hamper the operations of hostile vessels in this locality. It is expected that the effect will be to divert Atlantic traffic around the south of Ireland, where, owing to the wider seas, there will be greater facility in maneuvering in such a way as ity in maneuvering in such to avoid a submarine attack

PARIS, February 24 .- A German submarine which for the past few days had been lying in the English channel

iterates the assurance of the German government as to the safety of the prescribed course.

The crcw of the American steamer Carib, which was sunk by a mine off the German coast, is reported from German sources to have been saved, but the whereabouts of the sailors is a part of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine off the German coast, was being taken to Holland.

Capt. Smith of the Evelyn, which was sunk a few days ago, has been asked for a report as to the locality of the digaster. This report is expected to show whether the Evelyn wandered within the defensive German mine fields or whether she struck mines laid by a belligerent power other than Germany.

Another Vessel Attacked.

LONDON, February 24 .- The follow-



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creased Java and Mocha Coffee, but NOT "Bouquet," which is finer than ever.

Waiker, Armstrong & Co, of Savannah, Ga. She was of 2,280 tons burden and left Charleston January 27 for Bremen with a cargo of cotton. She had a capacity of 4,600 bales.

Her crew of thirty men, commanded by Capt. E. L. Cole, which manned the vessel at the time she was sold, was retained by the new owners, it was retained by the new owners, it was said at the Clyde line offices.

The Carlb was built in 1882 at Port Glasgow, Scotland.

Vessels of All Nations

LONDON, February 24.—The British admiralty announces that the Irish and Ireland, are now restricted for navigation.

Scope of Closed Area.

But Escape Torpedoes; Submarine May Be Lost

had been lying in the English channel in wait for steam packets plying between France and England Monday night fired a torpedo at the steamer Victoria while she was on the voyage from Boulogne to Folkestone with a number of passengers, including some Americans. The captain of the Victoria, however, saw the characteristic wake made by the torpedo and slowed down his vessel, and the torpedo passed harmlessly about 100 feet in front of her.

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Commerce conditions have in-

The question of the number of ships which one warship will be allowed to N. W. Burchell, 1325 F.